

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

To provide a simply-arranged detaching/attaching mechanism and image forming device which allow a transfer supporter device (contacting member) to be detached/attached through a space formed by opening an outer covering, the present invention includes photosensitive drums, detachable/attachable transfer belt unit, and rail members supporting a transfer belt unit. Each of the rail members includes a rail groove for guiding the transfer belt unit, notch and positioning hole for determining the position of the transfer belt unit when the belt is in contact with the photosensitive drums, and notch and convex section for determining the position of the transfer belt unit when the belt is detached from the photosensitive drums. The support of the transfer belt unit with respect to the main body of the image forming device, which is performed by the rail members, is released in response to the action of opening the side cover, so that the transfer belt unit is caused to be in a free state.